

COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC Stendal-Borstel Airfield

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At 9:20 a.m. on 13 January 1953, a biplane circled over the field. A dugout for personnel with a wooden door was observed at the middle sections of each of three aircraft revetments at the field.

4. On 18 January, four gun barrels were observed in the AA emplacement about 150 meters east of the Stendal-Borstel road. At 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. 4 and 2 reports respectively were heard from the direction of the AA emplacement. 1

5. On 17 January, a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets was seen in front of the new barracks installation on the Stendal-Borstel road. No training activities were observed in the barracks area. At about 1 p.m., 26 unarmed soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were observed marching from the airfield toward the barracks installation. At about the same time, two platoons, each of 18 to 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying small arms, and led by two officers with artillery insignia came from the direction of the training grounds northeast of the barracks installation. On 23 January, a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets was seen in front of the barracks installation. Sixty to 80 soldiers were engaged in formation drill at the installation. On 30 January, firing training with carbines was held at the installation.

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6. Between 11 a.m. and noon on 24 January, 42 Il-10 aircraft were counted at Stendal-Borstel airfield. ³Thirty of them were parked in four groups, two groups facing each other. The remaining 12 Il-10s were parked separately. On 8 February, 36 Il-10s were parked in front of the hangars in the same pattern as on 24 January. The field was rolled by a tractor towing three rollers. A rectangular basket with many wires, each about 1 meter long, was fitted on top of the radio mast, about 20 meters high, located near the hangars. Two lines extended from the basket to the ground. ⁴
7. At 11:30 a.m. on 8 February, about 5 soldiers were practicing with a range-finder in the center of the AA emplacement east of the Stendal-Borstel road. The bunkers at the emplacement serving as quarters were occupied. ¹

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1. Comment. Information on the AA emplacement was received previously. Six 37-mm guns are available. According to another source two additional AA emplacements are located in the vicinity of the airfield.

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2. Comment. The barracks installation quarters the AAA unit which emplaced the AA batteries consisting of 37-mm AA guns.

3. Comment. A ground attack regiment and a reconnaissance regiment equipped with Il-10 aircraft are believed to be stationed at Stendal airfield. Probably some of the aircraft were parked in the hangars.

4. Comment. The radio mast was previously reported by the same source.

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